# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Awareness of Drugs
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Medical Association has warned that even the safest drugs can have side effects on indiscriminate usage and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the continuous high dosage of the drugs like paracetamol can also cause damage to liver and other vital organs of the body;

(c) if so, whether the Government is considering to create awareness among the masses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a): No drug is 100% safe. The drugs are approved and allowed to be manufactured and marketed based on their risk - benefit profile. This fact has, as per media reports, also been emphasised by the Indian Medical Association.
(b) to (d) : High dosage of the drugs such as Paracetamol can also cause damage to the liver. The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) had requested all the State Drug Controllers to ask the manufacturers of products containing Paracetamol to provide a box warning on the label indicating that taking more than daily dose may cause serious liver damage or allergic reactions. Further, CDSCO has also directed all the State Drug Controllers to restrict the dose of Paracetamol content to 325 mg in all combinations of Paracetamol with other analgesic/ anti-inflammatory drugs so as to make the prescription combination of pain medications containing Paracetamol safer for patients use.
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